

\$27.7 Million Budget Proposed

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\$2.5 Million Increase Asked by Governor

Governor George M. Leader recommended to the General Assembly yesterday a state appropriation of \$27,713,000 for the University, a \$2.5 million increase over the last appropriation.

This will amount to approximately one-third the cost of running the land-grant institution.

The University is believed to have asked Leader for more than \$30 million for the next biennium, beginning in July. The University has been operating the last two years on a \$25 million-plus appropriation.

Particularly interested in the appropriation are the University faculty members, since the size of the appropriation will determine how large a salary raise they will receive.

Request Not Released

The University has never released the figure it requested to Leader and it will probably not be known whether Leader and his staff cut the request before including it in the budget message.

The process for having the appropriation request accepted includes initial approval by the Governor to include it in his budget message, approval by the General Assembly and final approval by the Governor in signing it into law.

To raise the teaching staff's salaries one per cent, President Eric A. Walker told the faculty last semester it would take an additional appropriation of one-third of a million dollars.

Other Salary Raises

Dr. Walker said the University cannot stop with raising teachers' salaries, but also must raise those of secretaries and service personnel, for they too need raises.

"If we raise salaries, we almost have to raise dormitory and food service costs too, since a raise in salaries reflects in the cost of running food service and dormitories," he said.

More money will also be needed for additional faculty members, he said.

The only specific request released by the University was for \$100,000 to be used in research in the humanities. Dr. Walker said the decision for use of this money would be left at the departmental level.

Biggest Biennial Budget

Leader's \$2 billion-plus request will be the biggest biennial budget in Pennsylvania's history and will reflect an increase of \$1 billion over the cost of state government just 10 years ago.

The budget presented yesterday again proposed spending just over half of every tax dollar on Pennsylvania's school children and schools.

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Of the \$4.5 million increase for state aided universities the governor suggested granting \$4,158,

Senate Group Rejects Senior Exemption Plan

The University Senate Academic Standards Committee yesterday turned down a plan to exempt eighth-semester seniors with "B" or better grades from taking final examinations.

Joseph Hartnett, senior class president, went before the committee yesterday morning in hope that it would recommend the move to the University Senate.

Hartnett said the committee's action was definitely a setback for the plan. He said he still intends to either go to another Senate committee or send the plan directly to Senate.

Hartnett said he suggested that the committee recommend that "instructors be encouraged to exempt eighth-semester seniors with 'B' or better grades from taking final examinations in certain courses."

Plan Only 'Encouraged'

Hartnett explained that the plan would not require instructors to exempt the students, but "encourage" them and that it takes into consideration specific courses where an exemption might not be feasible.

He also said the plan would not require seniors to be exempt if they wished to take the final to better their grade.

Hartnett went before the committee with pages and pages of data collected by himself and his class advisory board. It represented more than a semester's work. It included statements from 30 faculty and administrative members, with 23 favoring the plan and seven against. Many of the persons favoring the plan were top administrative officials, Hartnett said.

No Vote Taken

Hartnett said the committee took no vote although he requested one. He said the chairman of the committee, Harold K. Schilling, dean of the Graduate School, told him the committee was against the plan and that it had discussed the plan at a previous meeting.

Schilling was not available last night for comment.

The reasons the committee gave for refusing to recommend the plan, according to Hartnett, were that it would require a change in University rules, that the plan offered nothing new over what had been turned down time and time again in the past, and that it was only part of an "over-all plan" to "liberalize" the educational program.

This, he said, was in addition to the committee's belief that the plan was unfeasible.

Predicted Rain Enrages Lion

Language unbecoming to such a central figure as the Nittany Lion was heard coming from that individual's lair this morning.

It seems he was having no small difficulty in disentangling himself from the stacks of blankets in which he had wrapped himself during the night.

"Either I'm getting older or the winters are growing colder," he was heard to say, "but I can't seem to deal with this unceasing cold spell or this most inopportune rain."

Pouring salt onto the Lion's smarting wound, the weatherman promised little change in conditions, for rain is expected throughout a good part of today and possibly tonight.

But a mildly warmer note was struck when he added that temperatures would probably reach 40-degrees in the afternoon.



Prof Finds Some Russians Do Keep Their Promises

Some Russians do keep their promises, Dr. Edward C. Thaden, assistant professor of history, has discovered.

In this case, the promise was made when Dr. Thaden

was visiting the secretary of the Old Believers' Cathedral in Moscow. When Dr. Thaden expressed his interest in the icons of the cathedral, the secretary, Cyril Abrokosov, said that he would send some information about them.

A book on the subject arrived last week. It was published in December and is the first which has been written on the art of the Old Believers' Church.

'Believers' Origination

According to the book, the Old Believers broke off from the official Russian Orthodox Church in the latter part of the 17th century. From then until 1905 they were persecuted by the Russian church and state, and in turn denounced the official church.

This is why the Old Believers

refuse to have in their churches icons that show any influence of modern (post-17th century) secular art. It is for this reason that the icon collections of Old Believers' churches are so interesting to the art historian.

Visited Cathedral

Dr. Thaden visited the Old Believers' Cathedral expressly to see its icon collection. He found the priests most helpful in guiding him around the church and in explaining the meanings of the various icons.

Oddly enough, at the time the book arrived Dr. Thaden was helping Dr. Jessie R. Bernard, professor of sociology, prepare in Russian a reply to Russian accusations that she has advocated a sociology of espionage and subversion.

'Good Samaritan' Is Sought

The dean of men's office is trying to locate a University student who played the role of Good Samaritan to two hungry youngsters who were traveling by train from Newark, N.J., to Johnstown on Jan. 2.

The two youngsters were 14-year-old JoAnn McNaughton and her brother David, aged 12, who in the haste of leaving their grandmother's home to make a train, left both the lunch that their grandmother had packed and their purses with travel money, behind them.

It was not until after the train had left Newark that their grandmother Mrs. L. R. Hamilton of Caldwell, N.J., discovered the mishap.

The University student became aware of their difficulty and treated the youngsters to a full-fledged meal. They offered him the small amount of money they had, but he would not take it.

Mrs. Hamilton also told the dean that she realized locating the student would be difficult, but she did want to show her "great appreciation for such a kindly gesture."

Walker Speaks to Chamber

\$80 Million Investment in Town Said Needed to Pace University

By ED DUBBS
Collegian City Editor
President Eric A. Walker told State College businessmen yesterday that "if the borough is to keep pace" with the University in its expansion program, "\$80 million will have to be invested in the State College area in the next 15 years."

Dr. Walker, speaking at a State College Chamber of Commerce luncheon, reminded the businessmen that "if the size of the University doubles, there will be twice as many customers for local private enterprise to serve."

Predicts Many Headaches
Noting that an expansion of this type would bring many headaches, "it will also give us a tremendous opportunity to plan our growth in advance and consequently, to provide an even better community than we now have—

an even better place in which to work and play and rear our children," he said.

Dr. Walker particularly invited businessmen to invest in "auxiliary enterprises" similar to those being conducted by the University. He termed all University operations not directly connected with education, such as housing and recreational facilities, as "auxiliary enterprises."

Businessmen Aid Offered

He mentioned that the University does not plan to build apartment houses for married undergraduate students. He indicated that any businessman interested in investing money in this line would receive help in planning from the University.

"The University," he said, "is not anxious to expand its auxiliary enterprises in any direction. We will do so only if we must."

Dr. Walker said some of the reasons for not being anxious to expand the "auxiliary enterprises"

were that the University's business is education and since these services are "potentially profit-making ones . . . the University has no desire to choke off legitimate private enterprise in the State College area."

'Sounder Borough Economy'

"The more of these services we can get from the borough, the better off we are. And we feel the increased business will build a sounder borough economy," he said.

The President told the businessmen the University's building plans for the future. In discussing planned dormitories—three-fourths of which, he said, are for coeds—he explained that dormitories are not built from tax money.

He said the University must obtain a mortgage, pay interest on this money, and retire the loan through a regular amortization schedule.

Reds to Cut Arms Cost

MOSCOW, Feb. 5 (AP)—Soviet government officials laid down the line today for a cutback in the rate of Russia's industrial growth and a slight reduction in direct defense expenditures for 1957.

Economic boss Mikhail G. Perukhin and Finance Minister Arseny G. Zverev outlined the plans at the opening session of a semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Soviet, Russia's Parliament.

Defense Costs Down

Zverev presented a 614-billion-ruble budget, the biggest in Soviet history. Direct defense expenditures proposed this year are down a billion rubles from the announced outlay for 1956.

Zverev told the deputies, who will automatically approve the budget, the defense cuts "represent the Soviet Union's desire to reduce its armed forces."

Air Outlay Cut

The Russians value their rubles at 25 cents, but many Western economic experts believe its actual buying power is more nearly 10 cents.

A total of 96 1/2 billion rubles is earmarked for the armed forces. That is 16 per cent of the estimated expenditures, compared to 18 per cent allocation in the 592-billion ruble budget of 1956.

Budgets Compared

By Russian evaluation, the 1957 budget totals 153 1/2 billion dollars and \$24,175,000,000 will go for defense. President Eisenhower submitted a 72-billion-dollar budget to Congress Jan. 16. Projected U.S. military expenditures is 38 billions.

But that comparison is not enough to tell the story. Russian labor costs are far lower and the Soviet government can fix prices at will.

Though revenues and expenses have been arching up since World War II, the government indicated it expects a drastic drop.

University Adds 6 TV Courses

Six courses have been added to the University's "teaching-TV" program for the spring semester, making a total of 20 courses now being taught by the closed-circuit system.

The new courses are French 302, Industrial Engineering 131, Meteorology 300, Education 424, Electrical Engineering I and Electrical Engineering 9.

Political Science 3, originally scheduled to be televised, will be taught in 10 Sparks but will not be televised as all students can be accommodated in one room.

The television system in Sparks is now scheduled for use for all but three class hours a week. In addition, television facilities are being employed in 119 Osmond for Chemistry 2 and 5 and in 110 Electrical Engineering for Electrical Engineering 1 and 9.

Collegian Candidates Will Meet at 7 Tonight

Students interested in becoming candidates for The Daily Collegian news and sports staffs will meet at 7 tonight in 9 Carnegie.

Students need not be journalism majors nor have previous newspaper experience.